

State of California
Department of Water Resources
State Water Resources Control Board
Department of Health Services

2002 RECYCLED WATER TASK FORCE

**FUNDING / CALFED COORDINATION WORKGROUP
MINUTES OF 20 AUGUST 2002 MEETING**

MEETING TIME AND LOCATION

Tuesday 20 August 2002, 10:00 AM - 12:00 PM, Room 1730, Cal/EPA Building, 1001 I Street, Sacramento, California. Some of the participants joined the meeting by phone or videoconference.

ATTENDANCE

Fethi BenJemaa	Department of Water Resources
Martha Davis*	Inland Empire Utilities Agency
Tom Gohring	CALFED Bay-Delta Program
Bill Jacoby	San Diego County Water Authority
Fawzi Karajeh*	Department of Water Resources
Luana Kiger*	Department of Water Resources
Nancy King*	Department of Water Resources
Nancy Lee	California State Water Resources Control Board
Richard Mills	California State Water Resources Control Board
Wayne Pierson	California State Water Resources Control Board
Diana Robles	California State Water Resources Control Board
Frances Spivy-Weber*	Executive Director, Mono Lake Committee
Mark Tettemer*	Central & West Basin Municipal Water District
Meena Westford	U. S. Bureau of Reclamation
Patrick Wright	Executive Director, CALFED Bay-Delta Program
Marguerite Young*	California Clean Water Action

* By telephone / video conference

SUMMARY OF PROCEEDINGS

The meeting was opened by a brief self-introduction of all the attendees and a welcoming statement by Diana Robles, the Workgroup co-chair. Thereafter, the meeting was conducted through a preset agenda (a copy is attached) starting with the approval of the minutes of July 8, 2002 meeting.

Issue Papers / Annotated Outlines

As assigned in the previous meeting of the workgroup on July 8, 2002, annotated outlines and draft issue papers are to be discussed during this meeting. Draft outlines for issues

1A and 1B were presented to the attendees by the lead persons Bill Jacoby and Diana Robles. A draft outline on issue 2 was also presented by Tom Gohring.

Issue 1A. 'Getting a better handle on local share of water recycling'

Three main topics were identified: (I) Gather information on local funding to include: developing of a model matrix to track federal / state and local funding sources, incorporating data from as many projects as possible, and develop general observations about the current funding process. (II) Assess marketing difficulties of recycled water on the local level. This will involve a review of current marketing successes and difficulties, develop recommendations for using findings, and identify the value of recycled water at the local level. (III) Propose a method for prioritizing local projects starting by a review of current methodologies used to prioritize projects and recommend a methodology that encourages comprehensive watershed planning.

Issue 1B. 'Source and timing coordination of state and federal funding'

The drafted outline describes how the current processes work and the need to identify a better way of making all the funding programs work together (see also flow chart below). Three main topics were identified: (I) Incorporate the existing funding programs into a matrix as described above in Issue 1A.I. This include continuous application processes (such as the SWRCB and USBR funding processes), the Request for proposals Process (DWR), and funding designated through legislation. Types of recycled water projects that benefit from each of these categories were identified. (II) Recommend improved funding procedures and coordination. In this respect there is a need to forecast funding needs and establish clear criteria for combining state and federal funds. There is also a need for input from local agencies on the type of funding process that works best for them. (III) Have an updated funding availability information accessible on a website in a concerted effort between all the agencies involved. Such information can also be disseminated statewide through special conferences, workshops and an annual water recycling funding information fair.

Issue 2. 'Assessment of water recycling costs and benefits'

In regard to identifying water recycling costs and benefits, the extent of the projects (both in time and in nature) to be included was discussed. There was a consent that while focusing on the CALFED related projects, other projects in the state should also be considered. When looking at the funding benefits, data needs to be collected on recycling projects statewide. However, it is possible to include an added component describing the connection of the project to the Bay Delta and show how CALFED fits in. It is also important to consider how stakeholders expect CALFED to continue to fit-in. To gain an additional benefit from state/federal and local coordination, it was suggested that CALFED play the role of a clearinghouse to carry out such a comprehensive coordination. It was also recognized that given the scope of the Workgroup to come-up with recommendations to the Task Force by November 19, 2002, and given the time constraint, it would not be reasonable to analyze and collect data on all the recycling

projects in California. It was suggested that only projects dating since 1992 be considered.

Issue 3. Regional Planning

There was an obvious overlap between Issue 3 and the other issues especially Issue 2, where information about regional planning should be incorporated. It was outlined that we need to evaluate current efforts in terms of regional planning of water recycling projects and identify benefits added by such approach.

Assignments / Draft White Papers

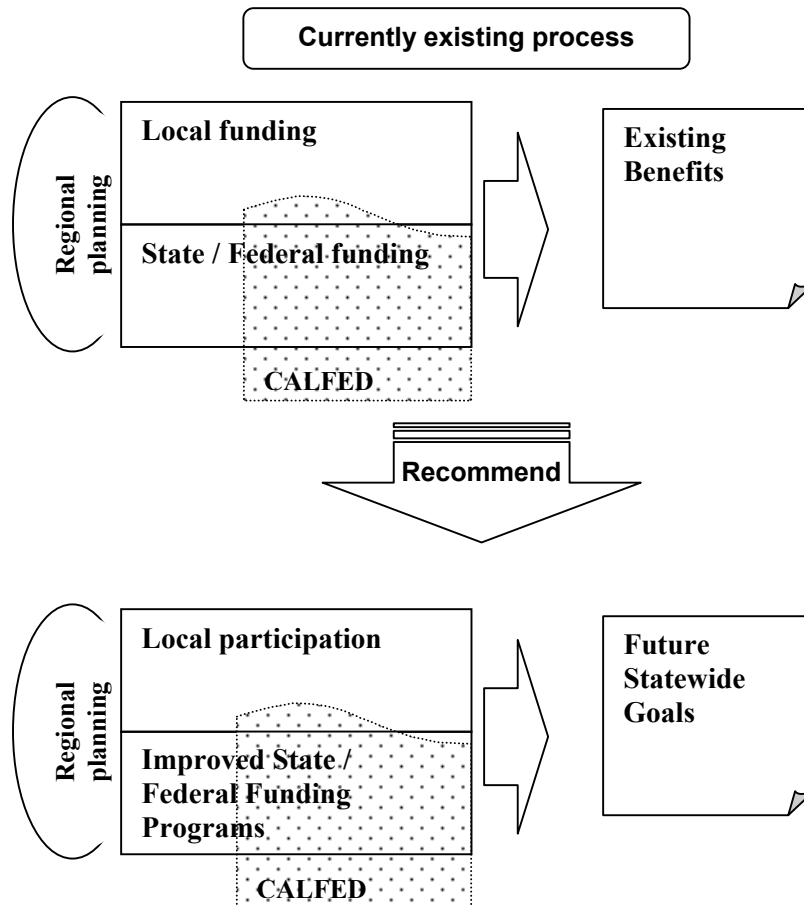
Issue 1A. Bill Jacoby

Issue 1B. Diana Robles

Issue 2. Tom Gohring

Issue 3. Melanie Richardson

Below is a flow chart illustrating the procedure to be followed toward the elaboration of the Workgroup's white paper and recommendations.



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Meeting Agenda

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1001 I Street, Sacramento, CA 95814

- Approve minutes of July 8, 2002 meeting
- Present and discuss annotated outlines on specific issues as assigned in the previous meeting
- Identified obstacles to funding water recycling projects
- Alternative solutions and potential remedies
- Discuss future milestones
- Sep. 12th expert in-depth presentation(s) [subjects, Speaker(s)]
- Progress report
- Preparation of draft white paper
- Public comments
- Schedule next Workgroup meeting
- Adjourn